

Somers Cemetery Committee
Regular Meeting minutes from
Wednesday 5.12.21

1. Call to order – 6:35 PM
2. Members present: Tim Keeney, Ann Levesque, Patricia Loftus (chair)
Guests: Todd Rolland (DPW), Paul Martinello (AL), David McCaffrey (VAO)
3. Corrections & approval of minutes from March 2021 meeting.
Motion to approve: Tim, 2nd Ann. Motion passed, no changes to be made.
4. Reports:
 - a. Finance: Quarterly report from Brian Wissinger shared. Copies in the business office.
 - b. Veterans' Affairs Office – More military foot stones need to be raised. 3 are in the wrong place and need to be corrected. Cleaning when moved / raised has been done in the past. VAO will use groups as in the past to help with the project. No timeline given.
 - c. Sexton – NA
 - d. Landscaper – NA
 - e. American Legion: Representative Paul Martinello and the VAO will be working together to obtain ground level markers for placement. None have been purchased. The two representatives have agreed to work on this for the July meeting and report back to the committee.
 - d. DPW – see old & new business
5. Old Business:
 - a. Columbarium lettering – Sexton not present. Chair will call for information.
 - b. Columbarium regulations – committee report (No members present)
6. New Business:
 - a. Request to combine two sets of two adjoining graves to make a four grave plot to accommodate a proposed family head stone. (Request and written documentation came through the Business office via Brian Wissinger.) Motion to approve with conditions that the present stone(s), base(s) and foundation(s) be removed and replaced per regulation in coordination with the Sexton Jay D'Aleo.
Motion made: Tim, 2nd Ann. Vote: Unanimous.
 - b. Request presented through Todd Rolland /DPW, (with photo of tree) to replace an aged-out tree with a new Japanese Maple. Client offering to pay for tree near her husband's grave site. Motion made and

approved to allow the old tree to be removed and the new tree planted. Client to be notified of our approval. Motion/ Tim.
Unanimous vote.

- c. Request by phone to have moss removed in New West Cemetery and replaced with new sown grass. Discussion. Process is very costly with no guaranteed positive outcome. Soil would have to be removed, trees shading the area taken down, new soil brought in, fertilizer & lime spread before seeding. Irrigation is an issue as there is none in this cemetery. No vote taken.
- d. Columbarium "Plaza" / walkway. Paper work through Todd Rolland was mistakenly advertised as a bid by the chair in the agenda when it was an estimate instead. No vote taken. Discussion for informational purposes was held. More discussion to be held at the July meeting. Todd agreed to use line marking paint to outline the area so that a true walking space could be studied. Excellent comparisons with the estimates presented.
- e. Reports from chair: No votes needed.
- f. Additions for July meeting – Columbarium plaza

Adjournment: 8:06 Motion / Ann, 2nd Tim, Unanimous vote.

Minutes compiled by Patricia Loftus (chair) will not be considered approved until voted upon at the next regular meeting.

Next scheduled meeting is July 14 at 6:30 PM, Town Hall Lower level meeting room.